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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination:

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A snatch disconnection lanyard assembly comprising a tensioner, whereby the tensioner may be set to allow paying out of the lanyard or set to pull in the lanyard and when set to pull in, will resist paying out of the lanyard, thereby providing a tensile force for snatch disconnection.
2. (Amended) A lanyard assembly as defined in claim 1 whereby when the tensioner is set to allow paying out the lanyard, pulling in of the lanyard by the tensioner is resisted.
3. (Amended) A lanyard assembly as defined in claim 1 comprising a tensioning cable attached to or comprising the lanyard.
4. (Amended) A lanyard assembly according to claim 3 whereby when in use, the tensioning cable is wound up onto and unwound from a reel which is spring biased to wind up the cable.